

REMARKS

This Amendment in filed response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2008 in connection with a Petition for a 1-month Extension of Time. The Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests issue of a Notice of Allowance. To the extent any objections or rejections are still applicable, they are respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 4-7, 13-15, 17, 19, 20, and 26-29 are now pending in the application.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 13-15, 17, 19, 20, and 26-29 have been amended.

No new claims have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

At paragraphs 9 of the Office Action, claims 7, 15, 20 and 29 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has so rewritten these claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

At paragraphs 5-6 of the Office Action, claims 8-11 and 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 8-11 and 21-24 are no longer pending in the application and accordingly their rejection is believed to be moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

At paragraphs 7-8 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, 16, 17, 19, 21-28 and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chen, U.S. Patent No. 6,553,423 (hereinafter “Chen”) in view an Internet Draft by Gill et al., title “The BGP TLL Security Hack (BTSH)” (hereinafter “Gill”).

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, 16, 17, 19, 21-28 and 30-33 are either no longer pending in the application, or have been amended to depend on indicated-allowable base claims. Accordingly, this rejection is believed to be moot.

Should the Examiner believe there are any remaining issues that may delay issue of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephonic contact the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500 in hopes such potential issues may be addressed in an expedited manner.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

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